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THE HALF-YEARLY INDEXES FOR 1915.

THE usual half-yearly indexes to the JOURNAL, to the EPITOME, and to the SUPPLEMENT have been prepared and will be printed. They will, however, not be issued with all copies of the JOURNAL. Any member or subscriber who desires to have one or all three of the indexes can obtain a copy of what he wants, post free, by sending a post-card notifying his desire to the Financial Secretary and Business Manager, British Medical Association, 429, Strand, W.C. Such copies will be dispatched shortly after the middle of January.

RECRUITING FOR THE NAVAL AND MILITARY MEDICAL SERVICES.

SCOTLAND.

SCOTTISH MEDICAL SERVICE EMERGENCY COMMITTEE.

THE Scottish Medical Service Emergency Committee has issued the following memorandum setting out in concise form the recruiting scheme which it has drawn up for Scotland:

MEDICAL RECRUITING SCHEME, 1916.

Some months ago, by desire of the various professional executives in Scotland, we undertook as a Committee the duty of bringing under the notice of practitioners the need of the army for more medical men. At the request of the War Office we agreed further to deal with applications by practitioners for commissions in the Royal Army Medical Corps. The outlines of our policy, and the procedure which we proposed to follow, were set out in our memorandum of June 28th last,[1] a copy of which was sent to all Scottish practitioners. With the help of local War Committees—to whom we are much indebted—the plans so laid down were carried out, and a satisfactory response was made by the profession to our recent calls upon them.

Since the period in question, however, there has come into being the general recruiting scheme promoted by Lord Derby, which has impressed all men of military age with an increasing sense of their obligations towards the country, and we are now in consequence requested by the Director-General of Army Medical Services, with the concurrence of Lord Derby, to continue and expand our work in such a manner as to form a link with the general arrangements of the recruiting scheme. It is intended that the duty of dealing with members of the medical profession in Scotland, so far as the medical service of the army is concerned, shall, subject to the instructions of the Director-General, continue to be discharged by us, and we are authorized to state that medical men who have been approached by agents of local recruiting organizations on the ground that they are of military age, under Lord Derby's scheme for the lay population, should apply to us for guidance.

[1] BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, July 3rd, 1915, p. 20.

In drawing up a new scheme to meet these new conditions, we require in the first place to ascertain what service or services each practitioner resident in Scotland will be prepared to render if called upon. The War Office has decided (1) that no man under 45 years of age will be employed as a commissioned officer in the Army Medical Service unless he undertakes general service obligations for a year, and is found to be physically fit for duty at home and abroad; and (2) that no man over 55 years of age will be accepted for home service. In accordance with this decision practitioners are divided into three groups, and the services appropriate to each group are noted in the following schedule:

Group.	Age.	Service.
A.	Under 45	Lieut., R.A.M.C. (*general service*).
B.	45 to 55	Lieut., R.A.M.C. (*home service*). Part-time home military work. *Locum tenens* away from home (for practitioner absent on service). Part-time home civil work (in carrying on practice or part of practice of neighbouring practitioner absent on service).
C.	56 and upwards	Part-time home military work. *Locum tenens* away from home (for practitioner absent on service). Part-time home civil work (in carrying on practice or part of practice of neighbouring practitioner absent on service).

As regards these services, attention is drawn to the enclosed registration form, which should be filled in by all practitioners resident in Scotland who do not hold a commission in a branch of the Royal Army Medical Corps or in the Medical Department of the Navy. As it is our duty not only to obtain applications for commissions, but also to safeguard the interests of the general public by preventing undue depletion of any district, offers by practitioners to serve with the army or to act as whole-time locum tenentes will be held as subject to the condition that arrangements can be made to have their present civil work carried on during their absence.

In organizing medical effort throughout Scotland generally, we propose to act as heretofore in co-operation with the local War Committees which we have recognized for each Division of the British Medical Association. When the results of our registration inquiry have been ascertained and collated, we shall confer with these local committees and determine the number of practitioners who should be expected to go on service from each area. The local committees, acting on our instruction, will, after timeous notice, as occasion demands, call upon selected practitioners to give the service appropriate to their age group.

In making a call for whole-time military service, the local War Committee will issue to practitioners the army form of application for a commission in the Royal Army Medical Corps, and these forms, when filled in, should be returned to the secretary of the local War Committee, and the subsequent arrangements should be made through him. In making calls for other services, the secretary of the local War Committee will provide practitioners with all necessary information. These calls, which will be

successive, will begin to be made in the month of January, 1916. Precise dates for calls succeeding the first cannot now be stated. We shall, in instructing local Committees, be guided by our knowledge of the needs of the army as intimated to us from time to time by the Director-General.

On any question of duty which may arise in consequence of such calls or otherwise, practitioners are at liberty to refer to us as a body duly appointed and empowered to issue letters of excuse. Notice of this must be given on the appropriate form (Form Q), which may be obtained from the secretary.

Questions of physical fitness or unfitness are expressly excluded from our province, and can be decided only by a regular officer of the Royal Army Medical Corps following an application for a commission as lieutenant. Men so decided to be physically unfit should offer for one or more of the remaining services in the schedule.

The memorandum is signed by the members of the Committee, who are the Presidents of the Colleges of Physicians and Surgeons of Edinburgh, the President of the Royal Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow, the Deans of the Faculty of Medicine of the Universities of St. Andrews, Glasgow, Aberdeen, and Edinburgh, the Professors of Pathology and Medicine in the University of Glasgow, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Scottish Committee of the British Medical Association, the President of the Aberdeen Branch and the Secretary of the Edinburgh Branch of the British Medical Association, by the Deputy-Chairman and a medical officer of the Insurance Commission, Scotland, and by the convener of the Committee, to whom, at the Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh, all communications should be addressed.

The memorandum is accompanied by a series of forms:

1. *The Registration Form* to be filled in by a practitioner not holding a commission, giving his name, qualifications, address, and age. In addition, it affords spaces for a statement of the nature of the work at present being done, and for intimating the group in which the practitioner is prepared to render service and the following pledge:

At the call of the local War Committee for my area, as instructed by the Scottish Medical Service Emergency Committee, I am prepared to render the service or services marked above. This offer is subject to the condition that, in the event of such service requiring me to leave my present work, I am enabled to make arrangements for having it carried on during my absence.

2. *The Intimation Form* for the case of a practitioner holding a commission to be filled in by himself.

3. *An Application Form* for a commission R.A.M.C. signed by the secretary of the local War Committee for the Division, and stating that the Committee is of opinion that the arrangements made for carrying on his work during his absence in the event of the practitioner obtaining a commission, are satisfactory, and specifying their nature.

4. *Whole-time or Part-time Service.*—This form, which is to be signed by the secretary of the local War Committee for the Division, is to be used to intimate that a practitioner has undertaken whole-time or part-time service under the medical recruiting scheme, 1916, and in the case of a practitioner undertaking whole-time service will state the nature of the arrangements made for carrying on his work during his absence, and that the committee is of opinion that these arrangements are satisfactory.

5. *An excuse form* (Q) on which, when any question of duty has arisen, in consequence of calls to join the R.A.M.C. or otherwise, practitioners may refer to the committee as a body duly appointed and empowered to issue letters of excuse.

6. *Letter of Excuse.*—This form is provided with a counterfoil, and is in the following terms:

LETTER OF EXCUSE.

No.....

Dr.....

Address.....

The Scottish Medical Service Emergency Committee is of opinion that it is meantime undesirable in the public interest to call on the above-mentioned medical practitioner to undertake military service.

This Letter is valid till.....

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Secretary. Convener.

Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh.....19.....

Either a registration or an intimation form—but not both—should be filled in in respect of each practitioner.

The appropriate form, duly filled in, should be returned to the Secretary, Scottish Medical Service Emergency Committee, Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh, before December 31st, 1915.

IRELAND.

CIRCULAR BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD TO BOARDS OF GUARDIANS.

THE following is the text of the letter sent to Boards of Guardians throughout Ireland:

Local Government Board, Dublin,
November 26th, 1915.

Sir,

The Local Government Board for Ireland desire to bring under special notice the fact that a large number of Irish medical practitioners are at present on temporary service with the Army and Navy—that, in consequence, there has been, since the outbreak of the war, a marked dearth of candidates for Poor Law medical appointments. Furthermore, the making of these permanent appointments during the continuance of the war appears to the Board to be inequitable to the doctors who, out of motives of patriotism and humanity, have placed their services, for the time being, at the disposal of the Government. The Local Government Board would, therefore, suggest that the Board of Guardians should defer filling up any further vacancies that may occur, and should wait and make the best temporary arrangements possible, pending the return of normal conditions on the termination of the war.

I am, Sir, your obedient Servant,
A. R. BARLAS,
Secretary.

Association Notices.

MEETING OF COUNCIL.

THE next Meeting of Council will be held on Wednesday, January 26th, in the Council Room, 429, Strand, London, W.C. The hour will be notified later.

By order,
GUY ELLISTON,
Financial Secretary and Business Manager.

January 1st, 1916.

INSURANCE.

THE RECORD CARDS FOR THE YEAR 1915.

IT may be well to remind practitioners of the circular which presumably will have been received ere this by every panel practitioner from the Commissioners with reference to the filling up and forwarding of the record cards for the year 1915.

For the purpose of computing in the future what would be a fair remuneration for panel practitioners, it is most important that every attendance given to panel patients should be carefully filled in. It is by no means impossible that some attempt may be made on the score of economy, or for other reasons, to reduce the amount at present provided for medical benefit, and if the record cards are carelessly filled in and only show a much smaller number of attendances than have actually been necessary, the cards themselves may furnish an argument in favour of a reduction of payment which the profession could hardly explain away by saying that many attendances had not been recorded. The instructions given by the Commissioners should be most carefully carried out, as the keeping of the cards and forwarding the two halves to the Commissioners and the Insurance Committees respectively are conditions attached to the payment of the additional grant of 2s. 6d. per insured person provided by the Exchequer towards the cost of medical benefit; failure to carry out the instructions may lead to a deduction from the amount otherwise payable to any defaulting practitioner. It will be noticed that the following instruction is additional to last year's circular:

(*j*) Where a doctor is acting as deputy for a colleague who is absent with H.M. Forces, care should be taken to forward *separately* the records relating to the latter's patients. These records should, of course, bear the name of the absent doctor.

SCOTLAND.

MEDICAL BENEFIT REGULATIONS, 1915, No. 2.

THE National Health Insurance Joint Committee, acting jointly with the Scottish Insurance Commissioners, have issued regulations, dated November 11th, 1915, which provide:

1. That the modifications made in 1914 of Articles 16, 17, 18, 19 of the Medical Benefit Regulations of 1913 shall continue in operation during 1916.

2. That on and after January 1st, 1916, every agreement between insurance committees and practitioners shall be read and have effect as if the following provisions were inserted:

(a) The Committee may, after consultation with the Panel Committee, at any time require that (subject to such exceptions and qualifications, if any, as may be agreed between the Committee and the Panel Committee, or, in default of agreement, may be determined by the Commissioners) the practitioner shall not give any order for any drug or appliances in such a form as to necessitate a reference on the part of the person supplying the drug or appliance to a previous order.

(b) The Committee shall give not less than fourteen days' notice to the practitioner of their intention to bring the foregoing provision into operation.

3. The following provisions shall be substituted for Article 3 of the National Health Insurance (Medical Benefit) Regulations (Scotland), 1915, which is hereby revoked:

(1) An insured person whose name is included in the list of a practitioner on the panel who is at any time during the month of November, 1915, holding a commission in the Naval or Military Forces of the Crown shall not be entitled to select another practitioner or method of treatment at the end of the medical year ending on December 31st, 1915, unless, in addition to giving notice to the committee in the manner and within the period required by paragraph (1) of Article 30 of the National Health Insurance Medical Benefit Regulations (Scotland), 1913, he satisfies the Medical Service Subcommittee of the Committee that he has reasonable grounds for desiring to be removed from the list of the practitioner holding a commission as aforesaid, and paragraphs (1) and (2) of Article 30 shall be modified accordingly.

(2) Nothing contained in this article shall affect the right of an insured person under Articles 26 and 45 of the last-mentioned regulations to be transferred to the list of another practitioner on the panel subject to the conditions contained in those regulations.

IRELAND.

MEDICAL CERTIFICATION OF SICKNESS BENEFITS.

AT a meeting of the County Cavan medical practitioners on December 16th, 1915, when Dr. Acheson was in the chair, the following resolutions were unanimously passed:

(a) That the best thanks of the co. Cavan doctors be tendered to Dr. T. Hennessy for his untiring exertions on behalf of the Irish medical profession in connexion with the medical certification question under the Insurance Act, and we feel confident that it was owing to the skill and ability of Dr. Hennessy, ably assisted by the Irish Medical Committee, that so satisfactory an arrangement has been concluded.

(b) That all the co. Cavan doctors be recommended to sign the Insurance Commissioners' agreement pending the issue of the memorandum as promised by the National Health Commission.

(c) That the action of the Local Government Board in preventing Poor Law medical officers in the interests of the sick undertaking the certification of other doctors' patients resident in their own and adjoining districts has the support and approval of the co. Cavan doctors.

At a meeting of the medical profession, held at the Royal College of Physicians last week, to consider the proposed agreement sent by the Commissioners for National Health Insurance for Ireland to all the doctors of Ireland, a resolution was unanimously passed recommending the members of the medical profession in and around Dublin to sign the agreement, as the meeting was of opinion that it was an honest attempt to settle the question of medical certification.

INSURANCE ACT IN PARLIAMENT.

DRUG TARIFF.

IN replying to a question by Mr. Booth, on December 21st, Mr. Charles Roberts said that the duty of pricing prescriptions had been transferred to Insurance Committees by regulations recently framed in accordance with the recommendations of the Departmental Committee on the Drug Tariff, and it was the statutory duty of committees to make administrative provision for the purpose of calculating the payments due to chemists under the agreements already entered into for 1916. The Commissioners had been in communication with the Committee as to the arrangements, necessitated by this duty, which they understood were in course of preparation by the Committee. Committees had already been informed that special provision would be made for meeting any additional expenditure properly incurred by them on this work out of sums released in consequence of the new tariff arrangements. Any such estimate as that suggested by Mr. Booth—£4,000—of the additional cost involved appeared to be greatly in excess of any reasonable anticipation. Mr. Booth retorted that the estimate had been formed in conjunction with the officer and staff of the Insurance Commissioners, and added that pressure was being brought to bear on the London Committee to employ girls fresh from school in cellars in Chancery Lane to read thousands of Latin prescriptions by artificial light. Mr. Roberts admitted on these matters want of information, and Mr. Booth promised that it should be supplied.

UNCLAIMED CONTRIBUTION CARDS.

In reply to Mr. Haydn Jones, who asked on December 22nd why the number of unclaimed insurance cards bearing stamps in the hands of the Commissioners for Wales was as high as 39,000, Mr. C. Roberts said that he was informed that nearly half the cards referred to consisted of cards recovered from insured persons who had enlisted, and of emergency cards received from certain large employers who had now discontinued the use of such cards except in the appropriate circumstances.

Naval and Military Appointments.

ROYAL NAVAL MEDICAL SERVICE.

THE following announcements are made by the Admiralty: Surgeons J. F. McQueen to the *Victory*, additional, for disposal; J. H. B. Martin, M.B., M.A., to the *President*, additional, for R.N.A.S.; A. V. J. Richardson to the *Harrier*; C. D. Bell, M.B., to the *Europa*, additional. Temporary Surgeons J. D. Milligan, M.B., to the *Victory*, additional, for disposal; F. J. F. Barrington, M.B., to the *Victory*, for R.N. Division; H. S. Libby to the *Vivid*, additional, for Plymouth Hospital; C. E. Jenkins, H. S. Jeffries, B.A., T. S. Gibson, J. D. Murphy, M.B., B.A., C. Gardiner-Hill, A. O. Gray, H. F. Stephen, F. T. Grey, M.B., and J. B. Simpson, M.B., to the *Victory*, additional, for Haslar Hospital; A. G. McKee to the *Commonwealth*, vice Rothwell; J. S. Jobson, M.B., F.R.C.S., to the *Victory*, additional, for R.N. Division, vice Lauderdale; E. M. Lauderdale to the *Victory*, additional. To be temporary Surgeons: O. H. Gotch, M.B., M.A., C. M. Williams, H. S. Libby, W. H. Edmunds, H. F. Stephen, M.B., H. M. Oddy, M.B., M.A., J. Duffin, M.B., F. T. Grey, M.B., A. C. Brown, M.B., G. W. M. Findlay, M.B., J. B. Simpson, M.B.

ARMY MEDICAL SERVICE.

Temporary Colonel G. L. Gulland, M.D., relinquishes his commission. Major (temporary Lieutenant-Colonel) J. G. Bell, M.B., relinquishes his temporary rank on vacating the appointment of Assistant Director of Medical Services.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

Temporary Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Ronald Ross, K.C.B., F.R.S., F.R.C.S., relinquishes his commission.

Lieutenant-Colonel D. Macauley, South African Medical Corps, to be temporary Lieutenant-Colonel.

Major H. Hemsted, South African Medical Corps, to be temporary Major.

Temporary Captain W. P. Morgan, M.B., relinquishes his commission.

Temporary Lieutenants to be temporary Captains: W. L. G. Davies, N. F. Hallows, M.B., A. Gibson, M.B., F.R.C.S., C. Wace, F.R.C.S., E. B. Smith, M.D., R. W. Gemmell, M.B., F. B. McCarter, M.B.

To be temporary Captains: F. W. Twort, H. Dickie, M.D., T. G. Moorhead, M.D.; temporary Captain G. Beley, from York and Lancaster Regiment.

Temporary Lieutenants relinquish their commissions on the dates shown against their names, and not as stated in the *Gazette* of September 11th, October 1st, and November 11th, 1915, respectively: D. Morrow, August 24th, 1915; R. Bright, September 12th, 1915; J. W. Littlejohn, M.D., October 11th, 1915.

Temporary Lieutenant J. Brewer is placed temporarily on retired pay on account of ill health (substituted for the notification which appeared in the *Gazette* of November 17th, 1915).

The notification regarding temporary Lieutenant A. E. F. L. Forbes which appeared in the *Gazette* of December 3rd, 1915, is cancelled.

The appointment to a temporary Lieutenancy of C. D. Halcombe, M.B., is antedated to September 4th, 1915.

To be temporary Lieutenants: J. R. Boyd, M.D., J. Anderson, M.B., E. Sutcliffe, J. Unsworth, M.B., O. D. B. Mawson, W. Bannerman, M.B., H. P. Gibb, M.B., F.R.C.S., G. F. Bird, M.B., C. H. Edwards, M.B., C. E. A. Hoddart, R. B. Austin, M.B., W. E. Hills, J. S. Taggart, M.B., T. Ewing, M.B., D. M. Dickson, R. Anderson, R. H. Shepard, I. F. MacKenzie, W. Parker, M.B., W. Bligh, M.D., J. R. Craig, M.B., T. C. Harke, R. J. Bethune, M.D., N. H. Austin, J. F. MacLeod, M.B., T. H. Oliver, M.B., B. E. Spurgin, M.B., W. Stirling, M.B., M. G. Pettigrew, J. G. Gray, R. H. Bremridge, M.B., R. H. Urwick, M.D., A. E. Fiddian, W. M. Penny, M.D., J. Bowen-Jones, W. E. Barker, M.B., H. R. S. Walford, R. J. Vernon, M.B., A. J. Beadel, J. A. Lowry, M.D., A. Campbell, M.B., J. C. Padwick, J. A. K. Griffiths, M.B., S. R. Dudley, A. W. Senior, C. H. G. Ross, M.B., W. W. Stacey, M.B., L. M. Smith, G. B. Buckley, G. Stowell, M.B., T. H. Clarke, P. Verdon, P. L. Moore, M.B., J. W. Jackson, M.B., T. M. Body, C. C. Twort, M.D., A. G. Peter, M.B., H. L. Askham, A. W. Wilcox, M.D., G. D. E. Tullis, M.B., C. H. Ferguson, M.B., W. Crabtree, M.B., J. W. Tocher, M.B., J. R. Rees, G. D. Grippen, T. W. E. Moreton, C. H. Phillips, M.D., J. A. Marsden, H. C. W. Allott, A. W. Allan, M.D., J. Welsh, J. Pender, M.B., H. Miller, M.B., T. Smyth, M.B., W. J. Edgar, F. J. Strachan, M.B., H. Hargreaves, M.B., A. Davidson, M.D., H. E. Dyson, M.D., F. P. Young, M.D., D. Kennedy, M.D., E. Hesterlow, M.B., A. L. McCreery, M.B., W. Darlington, M.B., H. O. Gough, J. D. Cooke, M.B., F.R.C.S., R. G. Brown, W. B. Tannahill, M.B., K. Pretty, M.B., J. Ross, M.D., O. V. Burrows, M.B.

The undermentioned relinquish their temporary honorary commissions on ceasing to be employed with No. 7, British Red Cross (Allied Forces Base) Hospital: Lieutenant-Colonel W. E. Miles,

F.R.C.S., Major H. D. Gillies, F.R.C.S., Captains R. G. Murray, A. E. Forester, J. S. Burn, M.B., J. E. Adler, F.R.C.S., Quartermaster and honorary Lieutenant D. Rose. Temporary honorary Lieutenant B. G. Klein, M.D., having ceased to be employed with the Welsh Hospital, Netley, relinquishes his commission.

H. A. F. Wilson to be temporary honorary Lieutenant whilst serving with the British Red Cross Hospital, Netley.

To be temporary honorary Lieutenants: P. H. Wells, E. G. Dingley, J. N. Deacon, M.B., G. C. Berg, C. H. C. Byrne.

TERRITORIAL FORCE.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

East Anglian Casualty Clearing Station.—Lieutenant W. J. Deighan to be Captain.

East Anglian Field Ambulance.—Lieutenant S. J. Fielding, M.B., to be Captain.

Eastern General Hospital.—Lieutenant E. F. Ballard, M.B., to be Captain.

East Lancashire Field Ambulance.—C. W. Fort, M.B., and A. W. Berry, M.B., to be Lieutenants. Lance-Corporals T. H. Calverley, from Manchester Regiment, and J. M. Lowe to be Quartermasters, with the honorary rank of Lieutenants.

East Lancashire Casualty Clearing Station.—Lieutenant E. A. Williams to be Captain.

Highland Field Ambulance.—Lieutenants B. J. Alcock, M.B., and J. G. Anderson to be Captains.

Home Counties Field Ambulance.—Captain J. E. Ryan, M.D., from London Field Ambulance, and Lieutenant M. C. Hayward to be Captains.

London Sanitary Company.—D. Porter, M.B., to be Lieutenant.

Lowland Field Ambulance.—Lieutenant W. B. Stewart, M.B., to be Captain.

Northern General Hospital.—The following announcement is substituted for that which appeared in the *Gazette* of December 2nd, 1915: Lieutenant-Colonel Joseph F. Dobson, M.B., F.R.C.S., is placed on temporary retired list on account of ill health. Lieutenants W. A. Slater, M.B., H. D. Pickles, M.B., and T. S. P. Parkinson, M.B., to be Captains.

South Midland Casualty Clearing Station.—G. H. Kirby to be Lieutenant.

South Midland Field Ambulance.—F. A. J. Mayes to be Lieutenant.

South Midland Mounted Brigade Field Ambulance.—Lieutenant F. Smith to be Captain.

Southern General Hospital.—Lieutenant A. Radford, M.B., to be Captain. T. S. Stafford (late temporary Lieutenant R.A.M.C.) and A. N. Worsley, M.B., to be Lieutenants.

South-Western Mounted Brigade Field Ambulance.—Lieutenant J. H. Cumming to be Captain.

Supernumerary for Service with the O.T.C.—Lieutenant J. P. Kinlock, M.D., to be temporary Captain whilst serving with the Aberdeen University Contingent, Senior Division, O.T.C.

Western General Hospital.—Lieutenant F. Chadwick, M.B., to be Captain.

West Lancashire Casualty Clearing Station.—D. F. Hunter, M.D., to be Lieutenant.

West Lancashire Field Ambulance.—Lieutenants to be Captains: J. P. Thierens, M.B., and W. F. Young, M.B. A. H. Pinder and A. V. Glendenning, M.B., to be Lieutenants.

Attached to Units other than Medical Units.—Lieutenant G. J. E. Trotter to be Captain. J. B. Smith, M.B., and J. M. Orr, M.D., to be Lieutenants.

Vital Statistics.

HEALTH OF ENGLISH TOWNS.

IN the ninety-six largest English towns 7,577 births and 5,954 deaths were registered during the week ended Saturday, December 11th, 1915. The annual rate of mortality in these towns, which had been 15.9, 16.7, and 18.5 per 1,000 in the three preceding weeks, fell to 17.1 per 1,000 in the week under notice. In London the death-rate was equal to 17.9, while among the ninety-five other large towns it ranged from 7.4 in Ilford, 7.7 in Enfield, 8.1 in Acton, 9.8 in Aberdare, 10.2 in Willesden, and 10.5 in Wimbledon and in Leyton, to 22.7 in Burnley, 22.8 in Huddersfield, 23.7 in Barrow, 23.9 in Middlesbrough, 24.2 in Preston, and 25.8 in Wakefield. Measles caused a death-rate of 1.7 in Stockport, 1.9 in Cardiff, 2.0 in Dudley, 2.1 in Gloucester, 2.2 in Leicester, and 2.8 in Burnley; whooping-cough of 1.3 in Preston and 1.5 in West Bromwich; and diphtheria of 1.2 in Middlesbrough, 1.3 in Coventry, and 2.1 in St. Helens. The mortality from the remaining infective diseases showed no marked excess in any of the large towns, and no fatal case of small-pox was registered during the week. The causes of 67, or 1.1 per cent., of the total deaths were not certified by a registered medical practitioner or by a coroner; of this number, 12 were recorded in Liverpool, 9 in Birmingham, 4 in London, and 3 each in St. Helens, Warrington, and Gateshead. The number of scarlet fever patients under treatment in the Metropolitan Asylums Hospitals and the London Fever Hospital, which had been 3,027, 2,927, and 2,811 at the end of the three preceding weeks, further fell to 2,738 on Saturday, December 11th; 282 new cases were admitted during the week, against 336, 318, and 278 in the three preceding weeks.

Vacancies and Appointments.

NOTICES REGARDING APPOINTMENTS.—Attention is called to a Notice (see Index to Advertisements—Important Notice re Appointments) appearing in our advertisement columns, giving particulars of vacancies as to which inquiries should be made before application.

VACANCIES.

BIRKENHEAD BOROUGH HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon and Junior House-Surgeon. Salaries, £200 and £170 respectively.

BOLINGBROKE HOSPITAL, Wandsworth Common, S.W.—House-Surgeon (male ineligible for military service, or female). Salary, £200 per annum.

BRISTOL ROYAL INFIRMARY.—(1) House-Physicians; (2) House-Surgeons. Salary, £120 per annum in each case.

BURTON-ON-TRENT COUNTY BOROUGH.—Assistant Medical Officer (ineligible for military service). Salary, £300 per annum.

BURY INFIRMARY.—Junior House-Surgeon (ineligible for military service). Salary, £150 per annum.

BURY INFIRMARY.—(1) Senior House-Surgeon; (2) Junior House-Surgeon (both ineligible for military service). Salary for (1) £250 per annum, and for (2) £150 per annum.

CROYDON GENERAL HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon (male, ineligible for military service, or female).

DERBYSHIRE HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN.—Lady Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £200 per annum.

HEREFORD COUNTY AND CITY ASYLUM.—Assistant Medical Officer (ineligible for military service). Salary commencing at £250 per annum.

LEEDS PUBLIC DISPENSARY.—Lady Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £130 per annum.

MANCHESTER NORTHERN HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN, Cheetham Hill Road.—Lady House-Surgeon. Salary, £120 per annum.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE INFIRMARY, Hartshill, Stoke-on-Trent.—House-Physician (male or female). Salary, £200 per annum.

NORWICH POOR LAW INFIRMARY.—Lady Resident Medical Officer. Salary, 5 guineas weekly.

OXFORD EYE HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon (British, man—ineligible for military service—or woman). Salary, £100 per annum.

PLYMOUTH: SOUTH DEVON AND EAST CORNWALL HOSPITAL.—House-Physician (male, ineligible for military service, or female). Salary, £240.

ROYAL EYE HOSPITAL, Southwark, S.E.—House-Surgeon (ineligible for H.M. Forces). Salary at the rate of £150 per annum.

SHEFFIELD: ROYAL INFIRMARY.—House-Surgeon (male, ineligible for military service, or female). Salary, £100 per annum.

WELSH METROPOLITAN WAR HOSPITAL, Whitchurch, near Cardiff.—Resident Physician (ineligible for military service).

WIGAN: ROYAL ALBERT EDWARD INFIRMARY AND DISPENSARY.—Lady House-Surgeon. Salary, £150 per annum.

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APPOINTMENTS.

FRASER, D. H., M.A., M.D., B.C.Camb., Medical Officer of the St. Marylebone Parish Workhouse.

EDINBURGH ROYAL INFIRMARY.—The following appointments have been made:—Resident Physician: John M'Garrity, M.B., Ch.B., to Professor Russell. Resident Surgeon: John Bennet (final year student) to Surgical Out-patient Department.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

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BIRTHS.

DAVIDSON.—On the 22nd December, 1915, at Keith House, Bicester Road, Aylesbury, Bucks, the wife of Norman Davidson, F.R.C.S.E., Lieutenant R.A.M.C.—a son.

ROSEWARNE.—On November 2nd, 1915, at 16, St. Stephen's Road, Bow, London, the wife of D. D. Rosewarne, Lieut. R.A.M.C., of a son.

DEATH.

WORSLEY.—On December 23rd, 1915, at "Heath Royd," Coventry, after a short illness, Carrie, the dearly loved wife of Reginald Carmichael Worsley, M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond., aged 49.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

TUESDAY.

THE RÖNTGEN SOCIETY, Institution of Electrical Engineers, Victoria Embankment, 8.15 p.m.—The President, Mr. J. H. Gardiner, F.C.S.: Some Observations upon the Occurrence of Uranium. Demonstrations of apparatus.

POST-GRADUATE COURSES AND LECTURES.

NORTH-EAST LONDON POST-GRADUATE COLLEGE, Prince of Wales's General Hospital, Tottenham, N.

THE POST-GRADUATE COLLEGE, West London Hospital, Hammersmith, W.—Clinical work; graduates only.

DIARY OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Date.		Meetings to be Held.
		JANUARY.
5	Wed.	London: Journal Committee, 2 p.m.
7	Fri.	London: Central Ethical Subcommittee, 2 p.m.
11	Tues.	London: Grants Subcommittee, 2.15 p.m. (*provisional*).
		London: Organization Committee, 2.45 p.m. (*provisional*).
19	Wed.	London: Finance Committee, 2 p.m.
26	Wed.	London: Council Meeting.

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